
Course Requirements: What You'll Need

To get the most out of this course, it is strongly suggested that you have the following ready by **Session 1**:

1. **A Mac computer:** Logic Pro is Apple-exclusive, meaning you need a MacBook laptop, iMac, Mac Mini, or Mac Studio. It would be most beneficial to bring your MacBook to class, though not required. Having any of the other Mac-related computers at home is fine. Windows PCs, iPads, or Chromebooks will not be ideal for this specific curriculum but you can still take this class if desired (see FAQ section).
2. **Logic Pro Installed:** Please have the software (Version 10.7 or later) downloaded and installed. A 30-day free trial is available through the Apple Creator Studio if you are not ready to purchase. To fulfill the roughly 60-day span of this class, you would need to pay \$12.99 for the extra month of subscription to Logic Pro. For those who want to purchase the full version stand-alone version, it is currently \$199.99. Apple also offers plenty of student, educator, government, and veteran discounts.
3. **Quality Headphones:** Over-ear "studio" headphones are preferred. I will discuss what I use during the first class. Avoid Bluetooth earbuds (like AirPods) if possible, as they often cause "latency" (a delay between when you hit a key and when you hear the sound).
4. **Storage Space/Memory:** Ensure you have at least **44GB** of free space on your hard drive for the sound library and project files. A minimum of **16GB** of RAM is ideal, but with an M1 or above processor Logic will still be able to run properly.
5. **Basic Computer Literacy:** You should be comfortable navigating a Mac (saving files, using folders, and right-clicking).

Highly Recommended (But Optional):

- **A MIDI Keyboard:** A small 25-key controller (like an Akai MPK or Arturia MiniLab) makes the "music making" part much more intuitive. Here is an Amazon link for the MPK: (<https://www.amazon.com/Professional-Keyboards-Controller-Production-Software/dp/B0886ZPWC8?th=1>)
- **An External Hard Drive/USB Drive:** To keep your laptop fast, we recommend saving your music projects to an external SSD.